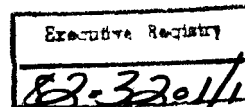


MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Here is the covering memo to Lionel Almes
you asked for, and a brief note for the DCI
on my dealings with Almes.

12 JUL 1982



THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

7 July 1982

NOTE FOR: The Director

FROM :

[Redacted]

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National Intelligence Officer at Large

On 19 May, I sent a copy of the US "Elements of Strength" paper to Lionel Olmer (see cover memo attached). In a subsequent telephone conversation with Olmer, he indicated some unhappiness with the upbeat message of the paper, on the grounds that it seemed to undercut what he saw as the Administration's efforts to arouse public concern about "loss of US competitive strength". Olmer promised us a critique of the paper, which I cordially welcomed.

On 11 June, [Redacted] and I met with Olmer's special assistant, Bill Finan, whom Olmer had tasked to prepare the critique. We had a "full and frank" discussion, in which we sought to clarify the nature and purpose of our study. While we did not achieve complete agreement, we parted on amicable terms.

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Since that time, we understand that Finan's draft critique has gone through several iterations at Commerce, without a satisfactory version having emerged. Whatever differences of perception exist between Commerce and us, we both agree that neither of us have done enough analysis to gauge the outcome of the US-Japanese competitive struggle.



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Attachment:

Memo to Olmer/Commerce
Dated 19 May 1982

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